



FACT SHEET

April 2001

PROJECT: North Branch Chicago River Debris Removal

AUTHORIZATION: River and Harbor Act of 1970 (Amended)

TYPE: Debris Removal

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Provides for clearing the channel of the North Branch of the Chicago River of fallen trees, roots, and other debris and objects which contribute to the flooding, unsightliness and pollution of the river. The project extends from Foster Avenue to Lake-Cook Road. More than 25,000 cubic yards of debris have been removed from the river since the project began in the early 1970s.

CURRENT STATUS: The Chicago District completed negotiations for a contract. The contract will be for a one year initial contract with four additional option years. The contract is expected to be awarded in May 2001 and will be completed no later than August 2001.

CURRENT PROJECT COST:

Federal Cost	\$108,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$140,000 (includes \$32,000 disposal fee)

LOCAL SPONSOR: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

ISSUES/CONCERNS:

The Chicago District planned to accomplish the work in Fall 2000. That schedule was provided to the sponsor, local interests, and the Congressional delegation. Work has been delayed because of difficulty in locating a responsible contractor.

PROJECT MANAGER: Kevin Craig